

behold, Isaac [was] sporting with Rebekah his wife. {26:9} And Abimelech called Isaac, and said, Behold, of a surety she [is] thy wife: and how saidst thou, She [is] my sister? And Isaac said unto him, Because I said, Lest I die for her. {26:10} And Abimelech said, What [is] this thou hast done unto us? one of the people might lightly have lien with thy wife, and thou shouldest have brought guiltiness upon us. {26:11} And Abimelech charged all [his] people, saying, He that toucheth this man or his wife shall surely be put to death. {26:12} Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him. {26:13} And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great: {26:14} For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him. {26:15} For all the wells which his father's servants had digged in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped them, and filled them with earth. {26:16} And Abimelech said unto Isaac, Go from us; for thou art much mightier than we.

{26:17} And Isaac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there. {26:18} And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham: and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them. {26:19} And Isaac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of springing water. {26:20} And the herdmen of Gerar did strive with Isaac's herdmen, saying, The water [is] ours: and he called the name of the well Esek; because they strove with him. {26:21} And they digged another well, and strove for that also: and he called the name of it Sitnah. {26:22} And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, For now the LORD hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land. {26:23} And he went up from thence to Beer-sheba. {26:24} And the LORD appeared unto him the same night, and said, I [am] the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I [am] with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake. {26:25} And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the LORD and pitched his tent there: and there Isaac's servants digged a well.

{26:26} Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath one of his friends, and Phichol the chief captain of his army. {26:27} And Isaac said unto them, Wherefore come ye to me, seeing ye hate me, and have sent me away from you? {26:28} And they said, We saw certainly that the LORD was with thee: and we said, Let there be now an oath betwixt us, [even] betwixt us and thee, and let us make a covenant with thee; {26:29} That thou wilt do us no hurt, as we have not touched thee, and as we have done unto thee nothing but good, and have sent thee away in peace: thou [art] now the blessed of the LORD. {26:30} And he made them a feast, and they did eat and drink. {26:31} And they rose up betimes in the morning, and sware one to another: and Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace. {26:32} And it came to pass the same day, that Isaac's servants came, and told him concerning the well which they had digged, and said unto him, We have found water. {26:33} And he called it Shebah: therefore the name of the city [is] Beer-sheba unto this day.

{26:34} And Esau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Bashemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite: {26:35} Which were a grief

of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah.

{27:1} And it came to pass, that when Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Esau his eldest son, and said unto him, My son: and he said unto him, Behold, [here am] I. {27:2} And he said, Behold now, I am old, I know not the day of my death: {27:3} Now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow, and go out to the field, and take me [some] venison; {27:4} And make me savoury meat, such as I love, and bring [it] to me, that I may eat; that my soul may bless thee before I die. {27:5} And Rebekah heard when Isaac spake to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt [for] venison, [and] to bring [it].

{27:6} And Rebekah spake unto Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father speak unto Esau thy brother, saying, {27:7} Bring me venison, and make me savoury meat, that I may eat, and bless thee before the LORD before my death. {27:8} Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I command thee. {27:9} Go now to the flock, and fetch me from thence two good kids of the goats; and I will make them savoury meat for thy father, such as he loveth: {27:10} And thou shalt bring [it] to thy father, that he may eat, and that he may bless thee before his death. {27:11} And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, Behold, Esau my brother [is] a hairy man, and I [am] a smooth man: {27:12} My father peradventure will feel me, and I shall seem to him as a deceiver; and I shall bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing. {27:13} And his mother said unto him, Upon me [be] thy curse, my son: only obey my voice, and go fetch me [them. ] {27:14} And he went, and fetched, and brought [them] to his mother: and his mother made savoury meat, such as his father loved. {27:15} And Rebekah took goodly raiment of her eldest son Esau, which [were] with her in the house, and put them upon Jacob her younger son: {27:16} And she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon the smooth of his neck: {27:17} And she gave the savoury meat and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

{27:18} And he came unto his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here [am] I; who [art] thou, my son? {27:19} And Jacob said unto his father, I [am] Esau thy firstborn; I have done according as thou badest me: arise, I pray thee, sit and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me. {27:20} And Isaac said unto his son, How [is it] that thou hast found [it] so quickly, my son? And he said, Because the LORD thy God brought [it] to me. {27:21} And Isaac said unto Jacob, Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou [be] my very son Esau or not. {27:22} And Jacob went near unto Isaac his father; and he felt him, and said, The voice [is] Jacob's voice, but the hands [are] the hands of Esau. {27:23} And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands: so he blessed him. {27:24} And he said, [Art] thou my very son Esau? And he said, I [am. ] {27:25} And he said, Bring [it] near to me, and I will eat of my son's venison, that my soul may bless thee. And he brought [it] near to him, and he did eat: and he brought him wine, and he drank. {27:26} And his father Isaac said unto him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son. {27:27} And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son [is] as the smell of a field which the LORD hath blessed: {27:28} Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine: {27:29} Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be

lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: cursed [be] every one that curseth thee, and blessed [be] he that blesseth thee.

{27:30} And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting. {27:31} And he also had made savoury meat, and brought it unto his father, and said unto his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me. {27:32} And Isaac his father said unto him, Who [art] thou? And he said, I [am] thy son, thy firstborn Esau. {27:33} And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who? where [is] he that hath taken venison, and brought [it] me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blessed him? yea, [and] he shall be blessed. {27:34} And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, [even] me also, O my father. {27:35} And he said, Thy brother came with subtilty, and hath taken away thy blessing. {27:36} And he said, Is not he rightly named Jacob? for he hath supplanted me these two times: he took away my birthright; and, behold, now he hath taken away my blessing. And he said, Hast thou not reserved a blessing for me? {27:37} And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, Behold, I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with corn and wine have I sustained him: and what shall I do now unto thee, my son? {27:38} And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, [even] me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept. {27:39} And Isaac his father answered and said unto him, Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above; {27:40} And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother; and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck.

{27:41} And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob. {27:42} And these words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah: and she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said unto him, Behold, thy brother Esau, as touching thee, doth comfort himself, [purposing] to kill thee. {27:43} Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; and arise, flee thou to Laban my brother to Haran; {27:44} And tarry with him a few days, until thy brother's fury turn away; {27:45} Until thy brother's anger turn away from thee, and he forget [that] which thou hast done to him: then I will send, and fetch thee from thence: why should I be deprived also of you both in one day? {27:46} And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth: if Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these [which are] of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me?

{28:1} And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan. {28:2} Arise, go to Padan-aram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother's father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Laban thy mother's brother. {28:3} And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people; {28:4} And give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto Abraham. {28:5} And Isaac sent away Jacob: and he went to Padan-aram unto Laban, son of

Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother.

{28:6} When Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and sent him away to Padan-aram, to take him a wife from thence; and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan; {28:7} And that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Padan-aram; {28:8} And Esau seeing that the daughters of Canaan pleased not Isaac his father; {28:9} Then went Esau unto Ishmael, and took unto the wives which he had Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife.

{28:10} And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran. {28:11} And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and [put] them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep. {28:12} And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. {28:13} And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I [am] the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; {28:14} And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. {28:15} And, behold, I [am] with thee, and will keep thee in all [places] whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done [that] which I have spoken to thee of.

{28:16} And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew [it] not. {28:17} And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful [is] this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this [is] the gate of heaven. {28:18} And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put [for] his pillows, and set it up [for] a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it. {28:19} And he called the name of that place Bethel: but the name of that city [was called] Luz at the first. {28:20} And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, {28:21} So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God: {28:22} And this stone, which I have set [for] a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

{29:1} Then Jacob went on his journey, and came into the land of the people of the east. {29:2} And he looked, and behold a well in the field, and, lo, there [were] three flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks: and a great stone [was] upon the well's mouth. {29:3} And thither were all the flocks gathered: and they rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again upon the well's mouth in his place. {29:4} And Jacob said unto them, My brethren, whence [be] ye? And they said, Of Haran [are] we. {29:5} And he said unto them, Know ye Laban the son of Nahor? And they said, We know [him. ] {29:6} And he said unto them, [Is] he well? And they said, [He is] well: and, behold, Rachel his daughter cometh with the sheep. {29:7} And he said, Lo, [it is] yet high day, neither [is it] time that the cattle should be gathered together: water ye the sheep, and go [and] feed [them. ] {29:8} And they said, We cannot, until all the flocks be gathered together, and [till] they roll

the stone from the well's mouth; then we water the sheep.

{29:9} And while he yet spake with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep: for she kept them. {29:10} And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother. {29:11} And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept. {29:12} And Jacob told Rachel that he [was] her father's brother, and that he [was] Rebekah's son: and she ran and told her father. {29:13} And it came to pass, when Laban heard the tidings of Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. And he told Laban all these things. {29:14} And Laban said to him, Surely thou [art] my bone and my flesh. And he abode with him the space of a month.

{29:15} And Laban said unto Jacob, Because thou [art] my brother, shouldest thou therefore serve me for nought? tell me, what [shall] thy wages [be? ] {29:16} And Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder [was] Leah, and the name of the younger [was] Rachel. {29:17} Leah [was] tender eyed; but Rachel was beautiful and well favoured. {29:18} And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter. {29:19} And Laban said, [It is] better that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to another man: abide with me. {29:20} And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him [but] a few days, for the love he had to her.

{29:21} And Jacob said unto Laban, Give [me] my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in unto her. {29:22} And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast. {29:23} And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her. {29:24} And Laban gave unto his daughter Leah Zilpah his maid [for] an handmaid. {29:25} And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it [was] Leah: and he said to Laban, What [is] this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me? {29:26} And Laban said, It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn. {29:27} Fulfil her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years. {29:28} And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also. {29:29} And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah his handmaid to be her maid. {29:30} And he went in also unto Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years.

{29:31} And when the LORD saw that Leah [was] hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel [was] barren. {29:32} And Leah conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name Reuben: for she said, Surely the LORD hath looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me. {29:33} And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Because the LORD hath heard that I [was] hated, he hath therefore given me this [son] also: and she called his name Simeon. {29:34} And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Now this time will my husband be joined unto me, because I have born him three sons: therefore was his name called Levi. {29:35} And she conceived again, and bare a son: and she said, Now will I praise the LORD: therefore she called his name Judah; and left bearing.

{30:1} And when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no

children, Rachel envied her sister; and said unto Jacob, Give me children, or else I die. {30:2} And Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel: and he said, [Am] I in God's stead, who hath withheld from thee the fruit of the womb? {30:3} And she said, Behold my maid Bilhah, go in unto her; and she shall bear upon my knees that I may also have children by her. {30:4} And she gave him Bilhah her handmaid to wife: and Jacob went in unto her. {30:5} And Bilhah conceived, and bare Jacob a son. {30:6} And Rachel said, God hath judged me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son: therefore called she his name Dan. {30:7} And Bilhah Rachel's maid conceived again, and bare Jacob a second son. {30:8} And Rachel said, With great wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister, and I have prevailed: and she called his name Naphtali. {30:9} When Leah saw that she had left bearing, she took Zilpah her maid, and gave her Jacob to wife. {30:10} And Zilpah Leah's maid bare Jacob a son. {30:11} And Leah said, A troop cometh: and she called his name Gad. {30:12} And Zilpah Leah's maid bare Jacob a second son. {30:13} And Leah said, Happy am I, for the daughters will call me blessed: and she called his name Asher.

{30:14} And Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest, and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them unto his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, Give me, I pray thee, of thy son's mandrakes. {30:15} And she said unto her, [Is it] a small matter that thou hast taken my husband? and wouldest thou take away my son's mandrakes also? And Rachel said, Therefore he shall lie with thee to night for thy son's mandrakes. {30:16} And Jacob came out of the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, Thou must come in unto me; for surely I have hired thee with my son's mandrakes. And he lay with her that night. {30:17} And God hearkened unto Leah, and she conceived, and bare Jacob the fifth son. {30:18} And Leah said, God hath given me my hire, because I have given my maiden to my husband: and she called his name Issachar. {30:19} And Leah conceived again, and bare Jacob the sixth son. {30:20} And Leah said, God hath endued me [with] a good dowry; now will my husband dwell with me, because I have born him six sons: and she called his name Zebulun. {30:21} And afterwards she bare a daughter, and called her name Dinah.

{30:22} And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb. {30:23} And she conceived, and bare a son; and said, God hath taken away my reproach: {30:24} And she called his name Joseph; and said, The LORD shall add to me another son.

{30:25} And it came to pass, when Rachel had born Joseph, that Jacob said unto Laban, Send me away, that I may go unto mine own place, and to my country. {30:26} Give [me] my wives and my children, for whom I have served thee, and let me go: for thou knowest my service which I have done thee. {30:27} And Laban said unto him, I pray thee, if I have found favour in thine eyes, [tarry: for] I have learned by experience that the LORD hath blessed me for thy sake. {30:28} And he said, Appoint me thy wages, and I will give [it. ] {30:29} And he said unto him, Thou knowest how I have served thee, and how thy cattle was with me. {30:30} For [it was] little which thou hadst before I [came,] and it is [now] increased unto a multitude; and the LORD hath blessed thee since my coming: and now when shall I provide for mine own house also? {30:31} And he said, What shall I give thee? And Jacob said, Thou shalt not give me any thing: if thou wilt do this thing for me, I will again feed [and] keep thy flock: {30:32} I will pass through

all thy flock to day, removing from thence all the speckled and spotted cattle, and all the brown cattle among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled among the goats: and [of such] shall be my hire. {30:33} So shall my righteousness answer for me in time to come, when it shall come for my hire before thy face: every one that [is] not speckled and spotted among the goats, and brown among the sheep, that shall be counted stolen with me. {30:34} And Laban said, Behold, I would it might be according to thy word. {30:35} And he removed that day the he goats that were ringstraked and spotted, and all the she goats that were speckled and spotted, [and] every one that had [some] white in it, and all the brown among the sheep, and gave [them] into the hand of his sons. {30:36} And he set three days journey betwixt himself and Jacob: and Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks.

{30:37} And Jacob took him rods of green poplar, and of the hazel and chesnut tree; and pilled white strakes in them, and made the white appear which [was] in the rods. {30:38} And he set the rods which he had pilled before the flocks in the gutters in the watering troughs when the flocks came to drink, that they should conceive when they came to drink. {30:39} And the flocks conceived before the rods, and brought forth cattle ringstraked, speckled, and spotted. {30:40} And Jacob did separate the lambs, and set the faces of the flocks toward the ringstraked, and all the brown in the flock of Laban; and he put his own flocks by themselves, and put them not unto Laban's cattle. {30:41} And it came to pass, whensoever the stronger cattle did conceive, that Jacob laid the rods before the eyes of the cattle in the gutters, that they might conceive among the rods. {30:42} But when the cattle were feeble, he put [them] not in: so the feebler were Laban's, and the stronger Jacob's. {30:43} And the man increased exceedingly, and had much cattle, and maidservants, and menservants, and camels, and asses.

{31:1} And he heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, Jacob hath taken away all that [was] our father's; and of [that] which [was] our father's hath he gotten all this glory. {31:2} And Jacob beheld the countenance of Laban, and, behold, it [was] not toward him as before. {31:3} And the LORD said unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee. {31:4} And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field unto his flock, {31:5} And said unto them, I see your father's countenance, that it [is] not toward me as before; but the God of my father hath been with me. {31:6} And ye know that with all my power I have served your father. {31:7} And your father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ten times; but God suffered him not to hurt me. {31:8} If he said thus, The speckled shall be thy wages; then all the cattle bare speckled: and if he said thus, The ringstraked shall be thy hire; then bare all the cattle ringstraked. {31:9} Thus God hath taken away the cattle of your father, and given [them] to me. {31:10} And it came to pass at the time that the cattle conceived, that I lifted up mine eyes, and saw in a dream, and, behold, the rams which leaped upon the cattle [were] ringstraked, speckled, and grisdled. {31:11} And the angel of God spake unto me in a dream, [saying,] Jacob: And I said, Here [am] I. {31:12} And he said, Lift up now thine eyes, and see, all the rams which leap upon the cattle [are] ringstraked, speckled, and grisdled: for I have seen all that Laban doeth unto thee. {31:13} I [am] the God of Bethel, where thou anointedst the pillar, [and] where thou vowedst a vow unto me: now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred. {31:14} And Rachel and Leah answered and said unto him, [Is there] yet any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house? {31:15} Are we not counted of him strangers? for he hath

sold us, and hath quite devoured also our money. {31:16} For all the riches which God hath taken from our father, that [is] ours, and our children's: now then, whatsoever God hath said unto thee, do.

{31:17} Then Jacob rose up, and set his sons and his wives upon camels; {31:18} And he carried away all his cattle, and all his goods which he had gotten, the cattle of his getting, which he had gotten in Padan-aram, for to go to Isaac his father in the land of Canaan. {31:19} And Laban went to shear his sheep: and Rachel had stolen the images that [were] her father's. {31:20} And Jacob stole away unawares to Laban the Syrian, in that he told him not that he fled. {31:21} So he fled with all that he had; and he rose up, and passed over the river, and set his face [toward] the mount Gilead. {31:22} And it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob was fled. {31:23} And he took his brethren with him, and pursued after him seven days' journey; and they overtook him in the mount Gilead. {31:24} And God came to Laban the Syrian in a dream by night, and said unto him, Take heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.

{31:25} Then Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the mount: and Laban with his brethren pitched in the mount of Gilead. {31:26} And Laban said to Jacob, What hast thou done, that thou hast stolen away unawares to me, and carried away my daughters, as captives [taken] with the sword? {31:27} Wherefore didst thou flee away secretly, and steal away from me; and didst not tell me, that I might have sent thee away with mirth, and with songs, with tabret, and with harp? {31:28} And hast not suffered me to kiss my sons and my daughters? thou hast now done foolishly in so doing. {31:29} It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt: but the God of your father spake unto me yesternight, saying, Take thou heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad. {31:30} And now, [though] thou wouldest needs be gone, because thou sore longedst after thy father's house, [yet] wherefore hast thou stolen my gods? {31:31} And Jacob answered and said to Laban, Because I was afraid: for I said, Peradventure thou wouldest take by force thy daughters from me. {31:32} With whomsoever thou findest thy gods, let him not live: before our brethren discern thou what [is] thine with me, and take [it] to thee. For Jacob knew not that Rachel had stolen them. {31:33} And Laban went into Jacob's tent, and into Leah's tent, and into the two maidservants' tents; but he found [them] not. Then went he out of Leah's tent, and entered into Rachel's tent. {31:34} Now Rachel had taken the images, and put them in the camel's furniture, and sat upon them. And Laban searched all the tent, but found [them] not. {31:35} And she said to her father, Let it not displease my lord that I cannot rise up before thee; for the custom of women is upon me. And he searched, but found not the images.

{31:36} And Jacob was wroth, and chode with Laban: and Jacob answered and said to Laban, What [is] my trespass? what [is] my sin, that thou hast so hotly pursued after me? {31:37} Whereas thou hast searched all my stuff, what hast thou found of all thy household stuff? set [it] here before my brethren and thy brethren, that they may judge betwixt us both. {31:38} This twenty years [have] I [been] with thee; thy ewes and thy she goats have not cast their young, and the rams of thy flock have I not eaten. {31:39} That which was torn [of beasts] I brought not unto thee; I bare the loss of it; of my hand didst thou require it, [whether] stolen by day, or stolen by night. {31:40} [Thus] I was; in the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night;

and my sleep departed from mine eyes. {31:41} Thus have I been twenty years in thy house; I served thee fourteen years for thy two daughters, and six years for thy cattle: and thou hast changed my wages ten times. {31:42} Except the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely thou hadst sent me away now empty. God hath seen mine affliction and the labour of my hands, and rebuked [thee] yesternight.

{31:43} And Laban answered and said unto Jacob, [These] daughters [are] my daughters, and [these] children [are] my children, and [these] cattle [are] my cattle, and all that thou seest [is] mine: and what can I do this day unto these my daughters, or unto their children which they have born? {31:44} Now therefore come thou, let us make a covenant, I and thou; and let it be for a witness between me and thee. {31:45} And Jacob took a stone, and set it up [for] a pillar. {31:46} And Jacob said unto his brethren, Gather stones; and they took stones, and made an heap: and they did eat there upon the heap. {31:47} And Laban called it Jegar-sahadutha: but Jacob called it Galeed. {31:48} And Laban said, This heap [is] a witness between me and thee this day. Therefore was the name of it called Galeed; {31:49} And Mizpah; for he said, The LORD watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another. {31:50} If thou shalt afflict my daughters, or if thou shalt take [other] wives beside my daughters, no man [is] with us; see, God [is] witness betwixt me and thee. {31:51} And Laban said to Jacob, Behold this heap, and behold [this] pillar, which I have cast betwixt me and thee; {31:52} This heap [be] witness, and [this] pillar [be] witness, that I will not pass over this heap to thee, and that thou shalt not pass over this heap and this pillar unto me, for harm. {31:53} The God of Abraham, and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, judge betwixt us. And Jacob sware by the fear of his father Isaac. {31:54} Then Jacob offered sacrifice upon the mount, and called his brethren to eat bread: and they did eat bread, and tarried all night in the mount. {31:55} And early in the morning Laban rose up, and kissed his sons and his daughters, and blessed them: and Laban departed, and returned unto his place.

{32:1} And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. {32:2} And when Jacob saw them, he said, This [is] God's host: and he called the name of that place Mahanaim. {32:3} And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother unto the land of Seir, the country of Edom. {32:4} And he commanded them, saying, Thus shall ye speak unto my lord Esau; Thy servant Jacob saith thus, I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed there until now: {32:5} And I have oxen, and asses, flocks, and menservants, and womenservants: and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find grace in thy sight.

{32:6} And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to thy brother Esau, and also he cometh to meet thee, and four hundred men with him. {32:7} Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed: and he divided the people that [was] with him, and the flocks, and herds, and the camels, into two bands; {32:8} And said, If Esau come to the one company, and smite it, then the other company which is left shall escape.

{32:9} And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, the LORD which saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee: {32:10} I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan;

and now I am become two bands. {32:11} Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, [and] the mother with the children. {32:12} And thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude. {32:13} And he lodged there that same night; and took of that which came to his hand a present for Esau his brother; {32:14} Two hundred she goats, and twenty he goats, two hundred ewes, and twenty rams, {32:15} Thirty milch camels with their colts, forty kine, and ten bulls, twenty she asses, and ten foals. {32:16} And he delivered [them] into the hand of his servants, every drove by themselves; and said unto his servants, Pass over before me, and put a space betwixt drove and drove. {32:17} And he commanded the foremost, saying, When Esau my brother meeteth thee, and asketh thee, saying, Whose [art] thou? and whither goest thou? and whose [are] these before thee? {32:18} Then thou shalt say, [They be] thy servant Jacob's; it [is] a present sent unto my lord Esau: and, behold, also he [is] behind us. {32:19} And so commanded he the second, and the third, and all that followed the droves, saying, On this manner shall ye speak unto Esau, when ye find him. {32:20} And say ye moreover, Behold, thy servant Jacob [is] behind us. For he said, I will appease him with the present that goeth before me, and afterward I will see his face; peradventure he will accept of me. {32:21} So went the present over before him: and himself lodged that night in the company. {32:22} And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two womenservants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jabbok. {32:23} And he took them, and sent them over the brook, and sent over that he had.

{32:24} And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. {32:25} And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. {32:26} And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. {32:27} And he said unto him, What [is] thy name? And he said, Jacob. {32:28} And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed. {32:29} And Jacob asked [him,] and said, Tell [me,] I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore [is] it [that] thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there. {32:30} And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved. {32:31} And as he passed over Penuel the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh. {32:32} Therefore the children of Israel eat not [of] the sinew which shrank, which [is] upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the sinew that shrank.

{33:1} And Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, Esau came, and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children unto Leah, and unto Rachel, and unto the two handmaids. {33:2} And he put the handmaids and their children foremost, and Leah and her children after, and Rachel and Joseph hindmost. {33:3} And he passed over before them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother. {33:4} And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept. {33:5} And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children; and said, Who [are] those with thee? And he said, The children which God hath graciously given thy servant. {33:6} Then the handmaidens came near, they and their children, and they bowed

themselves. {33:7} And Leah also with her children came near, and bowed themselves: and after came Joseph near and Rachel, and they bowed themselves. {33:8} And he said, What [meanest] thou by all this drove which I met? And he said, [These are] to find grace in the sight of my lord. {33:9} And Esau said, I have enough, my brother; keep that thou hast unto thyself. {33:10} And Jacob said, Nay, I pray thee, if now I have found grace in thy sight, then receive my present at my hand: for therefore I have seen thy face, as though I had seen the face of God, and thou wast pleased with me. {33:11} Take, I pray thee, my blessing that is brought to thee; because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough. And he urged him, and he took [it. ] {33:12} And he said, Let us take our journey, and let us go, and I will go before thee. {33:13} And he said unto him, My lord knoweth that the children [are] tender, and the flocks and herds with young [are] with me: and if men should overdrive them one day, all the flock will die. {33:14} Let my lord, I pray thee, pass over before his servant: and I will lead on softly, according as the cattle that goeth before me and the children be able to endure, until I come unto my lord unto Seir. {33:15} And Esau said, Let me now leave with thee [some] of the folk that [are] with me. And he said, What needeth it? let me find grace in the sight of my lord.

{33:16} So Esau returned that day on his way unto Seir. {33:17} And Jacob journeyed to Succoth, and built him an house, and made booths for his cattle: therefore the name of the place is called Succoth.

{33:18} And Jacob came to Shalem, a city of Shechem, which [is] in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padan-aram; and pitched his tent before the city. {33:19} And he bought a parcel of a field, where he had spread his tent, at the hand of the children of Hamor, Shechem's father, for an hundred pieces of money. {33:20} And he erected there an altar, and called it El-elohe-Israel.

{34:1} And Dinah the daughter of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land. {34:2} And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her, and lay with her, and defiled her. {34:3} And his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and spake kindly unto the damsel. {34:4} And Shechem spake unto his father Hamor, saying, Get me this damsel to wife. {34:5} And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter: now his sons were with his cattle in the field: and Jacob held his peace until they were come.

{34:6} And Hamor the father of Shechem went out unto Jacob to commune with him. {34:7} And the sons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard [it:] and the men were grieved, and they were very wroth, because he had wrought folly in Israel in lying with Jacob's daughter; which thing ought not to be done. {34:8} And Hamor communed with them, saying, The soul of my son Shechem longeth for your daughter: I pray you give her him to wife. {34:9} And make ye marriages with us, [and] give your daughters unto us, and take our daughters unto you. {34:10} And ye shall dwell with us: and the land shall be before you; dwell and trade ye therein, and get you possessions therein. {34:11} And Shechem said unto her father and unto her brethren, Let me find grace in your eyes, and what ye shall say unto me I will give. {34:12} Ask me never so much dowry and gift, and I will give according as ye shall say unto me: but give me the damsel to wife. {34:13} And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father deceitfully, and said,

because he had defiled Dinah their sister: {34:14} And they said unto them, We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one that is uncircumcised; for that [were] a reproach unto us: {34:15} But in this will we consent unto you: If ye will be as we [be,] that every male of you be circumcised; {34:16} Then will we give our daughters unto you, and we will take your daughters to us, and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people. {34:17} But if ye will not hearken unto us, to be circumcised; then will we take our daughter, and we will be gone. {34:18} And their words pleased Hamor, and Shechem Hamor's son. {34:19} And the young man deferred not to do the thing, because he had delight in Jacob's daughter: and he [was] more honourable than all the house of his father.

{34:20} And Hamor and Shechem his son came unto the gate of their city, and communed with the men of their city, saying, {34:21} These men [are] peaceable with us; therefore let them dwell in the land, and trade therein; for the land, behold, [it is] large enough for them; let us take their daughters to us for wives, and let us give them our daughters. {34:22} Only herein will the men consent unto us for to dwell with us, to be one people, if every male among us be circumcised, as they [are] circumcised. {34:23} [Shall] not their cattle and their substance and every beast of theirs [be] ours? only let us consent unto them, and they will dwell with us. {34:24} And unto Hamor and unto Shechem his son hearkened all that went out of the gate of his city; and every male was circumcised, all that went out of the gate of his city.

{34:25} And it came to pass on the third day, when they were sore, that two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brethren, took each man his sword, and came upon the city boldly, and slew all the males. {34:26} And they slew Hamor and Shechem his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah out of Shechem's house, and went out. {34:27} The sons of Jacob came upon the slain, and spoiled the city, because they had defiled their sister. {34:28} They took their sheep, and their oxen, and their asses, and that which [was] in the city, and that which [was] in the field, {34:29} And all their wealth, and all their little ones, and their wives took they captive, and spoiled even all that [was] in the house. {34:30} And Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, Ye have troubled me to make me to stink among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites: and I [being] few in number, they shall gather themselves together against me, and slay me; and I shall be destroyed, I and my house. {34:31} And they said, Should he deal with our sister as with an harlot?

{35:1} And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother. {35:2} Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that [were] with him, Put away the strange gods that [are] among you, and be clean, and change your garments: {35:3} And let us arise, and go up to Bethel; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went. {35:4} And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which [were] in their hand, and [all their] earrings which [were] in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which [was] by Shechem. {35:5} And they journeyed: and the terror of God was upon the cities that [were] round about them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob.

{35:6} So Jacob came to Luz, which [is] in the land of Canaan, that [is,] Bethel, he and all the people that [were]